

Will satellilite radio spell the demise of commercial radio? I think not. While XM is a great service that I really enjoy especially now that i can get local weather and traffic, you have to remember that unlike commercial radio it is not free. I choose to go out and spend the money on new radio equipment and to pay a monthly service fee for the convenience of commercial free radio. Not everyone can afford or chooses to do this. Many people enjoy their local stations and the personalities that are on them. Just as some people chose to have cable tv and others don't. And just because XM is now offering local weather and traffic doesn't mean that all people will jump on the satellite radio bandwagon. But it is still nice to have the choice of being able to select a service like XM. NAB should accept XM as a viable competitor and start looking at ways in which it's members can compete. Their money would be better spent upgrading transmission and station facilities to provide a quality service to the listeners, instead of trying to stifle the competition